

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: All Americans expect and deserve a justice system that is fair to all, and free of racial and ethnic

bias and disparities; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Bar Association strives to ensure that every litigant receives a fair hearing that is

based on the merits of the case and presided over by an impartial judge; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Minnesota Supreme Court Racial

Bias Task Force Final Report, which was adopted in 1993; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has improved the diversity of its state judiciary by nearly 100 percent since

2011; and

WHEREAS: Despite these efforts, racial and ethnic biases persist throughout the American legal system, which

in turn unfairly disadvantage individuals from communities of color; and

WHEREAS: The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, established in 1989,

encourages states to examine the treatment of people of color in their courts in order to promote a

court system that is fair to all and free of racial and ethnic bias; and

WHEREAS: The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Annual Conference

facilitates the development of strategies for identifying and eliminating bias in the courts, and for

sharing best practices for the implementation of programs to achieve this goal; and

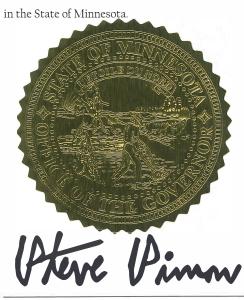
WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Bar Association is hosting the 30th Annual National Consortium on Racial

and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Conference: "Equal Justice for All: A Work in Progress" from

June 13, 2018 through June 16, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 14, 2018, as:

RACIAL AND ETHNIC FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS DAY



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE